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Report Highlights:

TH4007. Myanmar exported 103,694 metric tons (MT) of pulses in February 2014, increasing by 23 percent from January's level but declining by 3 percent from the same period in 2013. . Domestic wholesale prices for Matpe, Mung bean and Toor Whole all weakened in February due to new crop supplies entering the market and less demand from India.

Trade

Myanmar's non-border bean and pulse exports in February totaled 90,314 MT, an increase of 20 percent from the previous month (Table 2) following increased shipments to Singapore and Vietnam. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 41 percent of total exports in February followed by Mung Beans and Toor Whole. India accounted for 54 percent of total exports followed by Singapore, and Vietnam (Table 1). Border trade exports to India and China were 13,382 MT in February, up 50 percent from last month.

Table 1 - Beans and Pulse Exports by Types and Destination in February 2014 (MT)

Designation	Unit	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
AUSTRALIA	TNE					24	24
BANGLADESH	TNE		24				24
CANADA	TNE		39	3			42
CHINA	TNE		23.98	651.28	120		795
ECUADOR	TNE					384	384
GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBL	TNE				72		72
INDIA	TNE	20	26759.37	10476	10223.92	1462	48,941
INDONESIA	TNE		172	3475.16	216	1561	5,424
IRAQ	TNE				240		240
ISRAEL	TNE			50			50
ITALY	TNE				24		24
JAPAN	TNE	599.95	141	0.5		248.98	990
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	TNE		72			162	234
MALAYSIA	TNE	24	789.94	1631.9		450.21	2,896
NEPAL	TNE					72	72
PAKISTAN	TNE		624			550	1,174
PHILIPPINES	TNE			1174.87		24.99	1,200
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	TNE	48				72	120
SAUDI ARABIA	TNE		44				44
SINGAPORE	TNE	94	2525.53	6633.45	1301.04	1505.03	12,059
SWEDEN	TNE			24		24	48
SWITZERLAND	TNE		96				96
THAILAND	TNE		2049.5	640		120	2,810
TUNISIA	TNE		120	24			144
UKRAINE	TNE		72			48	120
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	TNE		652	75	120	72	919
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	TNE		207.25	147.19		72	426
VIET NAM	TNE		2370.89	7537.74		984	10,893
YEMEN	TNE					48	48
TOTAL	TNE	786	36,782	32,544	12,317	7,884	90,314

Source: Custom Weekly Data, MOC: Other categories include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, chick pea, brown beans and various beans.

Table 2 - Monthly Export of Pulses in 2012-2014 (MT)

Month	2012	2013	2014		
	Non-border	Non-border	Non-bordei	Border	Total
January	92,621	105,240	75,197	8,942	84,139
February	141,008	107,369	90,312	13,382	103,694
March	158,944	124,895			
April	98,910	84,278			
May	209,040	85,802			
June	155,490	82,257			
July	267,010	90,434			
August	71,098	83,030			
September	79,215	71,274			
October	110,498	125,893			
November	80,369	70,074			
December	122,068	91,589			
Total	1,586,271	1,122,135	165,509	13,382	187,883

Source: MOC

Market Situation

According to the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center increased supplies from the new harvest, mainly from Mandalay, Monywa, Pyi, and Hinthada townships, entered the market brought average domestic wholesale prices for Matpe beans to drop to 586,000-592,500 kyat/MT(US\$ 595-602/MT) in February from 625, 000 kyat/MT (US\$ 635/MT) in January. Domestic wholesale prices for Mung beans at Mandalay pulse market also declined to 980,000 kyat/MT (US\$ 996/MT) in February from 1.0 million kyat/MT (US\$1017/MT) in January. Several traders anticipated prices to fall, thus they sold their old stocks in the market, which resulted in a downward pressure on prices. Prices for Toor Whole beans also weakened to 557,121 kyat/MT (US\$566/MT) in February from 573,159 kyat/MT (US\$582/MT) in January reflecting low demand from India due to their harvesting season.

Trade source reported that India may encounter short supplies in 2014 crop year due to unfavorable dry conditions in many growing areas in the country, which may benefit Myanmar's bean and pulse exports.

Note: exchange rate in February: US\$ 1.0 = 984 Kyat

End of report.